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SUBJECT: U.S.-LESOTHO CONSULAR CONVENTION

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1. CONSULAR OFFICER ANTICIPATES GOL RECEPITIVITY TO PROPOSED  
CONSULAR CONVENTION. POST'S COMMENTS ON DRAFT CONVENTION FOLLOW:

A. PAGE 1, ARTICLE 1(A): "OR DIPLOMATIC MISSION PERFORMING  
CONSULAR FUNCTIONS" SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE DEFINITION OF  
"CONSULATE. IT IS A DIPLOMATIC MISSION PERFORMING CONSULAR  
FUNCTIONS THAT IS MOST LIKELY TO BE THE CASE OF BOTH USG AND GOL.

B. PAGE 2, ARTICLE 1(I): CHANGE TO READ "VESSEL OR AIRCRAFT  
SAILING OR FLYING UNDER THE FLAG OF THE SENDING STATE,  
EXCLUDING WARSHIPS AND WAR PLANES". (A DISCUSSION OF VESSELS  
FOLLOWS IN PARA F).

C. PAGES 3 AND 4, ARTICLES 2 AND 3: WOULD THE EMBASSIES BE  
DESIGNATED CONSULATES, OR WOULD ONE SECTION OF THE EMBASSY BE SO  
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DESIGNATED? WHO WOULD HOLD THE TITLE "HEAD OF CONSULATE" AND  
RECEIVE AN EXEQUATUR?

D. PAGE 25, ARTICLE 20: GOL REQUIRES THAT EMBASSY PERSONNEL  
BE REGISTERED WITH THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND RECEIVE  
RESIDENCE PERMITS. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED EFFICIENTLY AND IS DONE  
AT THE SAME TIME AS THE ISSUANCE OF THE DIPLOMATIC I.D. CARDS.

IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT GOL WOULD BE WILLING TO WAIVE THIS REQUIREMENT.

E. LESOTHO HAS SEVERAL HONORARY CONSULS IN THE U.S.; ALL ARE AMCITS. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY PERFORM SOME MINIMAL OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS FOR GOL. SHOULD NONORARY CONSULS BE MENTIONED IN THE CONVENTION?

F. ALTHOUGH LESOTHO IS LANDLOCKED, POST FEELS IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO RETAIN SECTIONS RELATING TO VESSELS. IN CASUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LEGAL AND TREATIES OFFICER, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONOFF HAS BEEN GIVEN THE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT GOL WOULD WANT VESSELS INCLUDED ON THE BASIS THAT ONE DAY THEY MIGHT HAVE A PORT OR VESSELS (USUAL GOL OPTIMISM) AND THAT INCLUDING VESSELS IN THE CONVENTION WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AMENDING IT LATER.

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